



**Steve Smith uses his intuition to anticipate client needs and identify potential trouble areas before they become conflicts. Having learned to digest information quickly, and based upon multiple sometimes inconsistent indications early on in his professional life while supervising the operation of a naval nuclear power plant, Steve knows how to focus on what's most critical to benefit his intellectual property clients.**

Steve is experienced in advising and representing clients in the areas of patent prosecution, diligence, counseling, licensing, disputed matters, and complex patent infringement litigation in the mechanical and electrical arts. He has deep subject matter knowledge in consumer products, automotive components, medical devices, power tools, lawn and garden equipment, commercial restaurant equipment, food processing equipment, and construction, transportation and industrial equipment.

With substantial experience in virtually all phases of U.S. and international patent prosecution practice, including invention harvesting, application drafting, responding to office actions, appeals, and post-issuance proceedings at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and abroad, Steve is well-positioned to assist clients with portfolio development, patent enforcement, and product development strategy. He is also experienced at trademark portfolio maintenance and enforcement.

The understanding of various industries he has gained while representing clients over the past 15 years combined with his knack for simplifying complicated legal matters for stakeholders – from small engineering-focused companies without their own in-house legal resources to large, national and global entities – in a manner that resonates with them makes all the difference.

Beneficial to European clients, Steve speaks conversational German.

Steve frequently presents on patent and licensing topics to clients, the legal profession, and to industry insiders.

Judge, Federal Circuit Bar Association George Hutchinson Writing Competition

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### EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center,  
(J.D.)

Purdue University, (B.S.), mechanical  
engineering

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth  
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern  
District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of Wisconsin

### LANGUAGES

English

### PRACTICES

European Services

Greater China and South East Asia

Intellectual Property

Patent Services - Counseling and  
Prosecution

## **Professional and Community Involvement**

Member, International Bar Association

Member, German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR)

Member, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

Member, Licensing Executives Society (LES)

## **Honors**

Emerging Intellectual Property Lawyer, Leading Lawyers Network, 2015-2017